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**Subject:** Concerns with upcoming Rear addition Proposal, Case No. 14-11B

To the Zoning Commission

I'm writing to express concerns on the upcoming proposal the commission will be considering next Monday regarding 10 foot limitations to rear additions. We are requesting to please consider opening up this case for comments and allow more time for discussion.

We purchased our current home on Capitol Hill in 2012. The property on the side of the street we purchased has back yards that are anywhere from 100-120 feet long. We just had a baby and my mother will be moving in with us. Therefore, we need additional space to add an extra bedroom, bathrooms and living space. We were very excited to see we could expand our home when we bought the property. In fact, many of the homes on our side of the street have already bumped out anywhere from 15-20 feet.

However, with this new proposal, we will not be able to expand as we had hoped. The proposal states that you cannot go 10 feet beyond your neighbors structure. The two houses next to us have not modernized. They are in fact empty because the owners do not live in the city so they visit sporadically throughout the year.

So while many of our neighbors were able to take advantage of the large property size and build comfortable homes for their growing families, we will be restricted to 10 feet. What bothers us about this proposal is that if we are limited to ten feet, if and when we build, our neighbors will then be able to take advance of going beyond the 10 feet because the properties are so large.

We were not aware of this proposal until a week ago when we started talking to architects to plan the bump-out. Had we known of this proposed change, we would have definitely provided comments. As we stated before, we would greatly appreciate an opportunity to provide comments if possible and urge you to please reconsider this proposal.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss further. We look forward to hearing from you,

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